

Swimming Pool Opening Checklist

The following checklist was prepared by the Vigo County Health Department to guide you in opening your seasonal pool. It is not necessary to schedule a pre-opening, but it is recommended.

Pool Area

- ☐ Is the water clear?
- ☐ Does the deck area have a 4-foot perimeter free of obstruction?
- ☐ Are handrails and ladders secure?
- ☐ Can I see the main drain? Is the drain cover secure?

Safety Requirements

- ☐ One unit of lifesaving equipment is stored within 20 feet of the pool and provided for each 2,000 ft²
 - Includes 12 ft life pole or shepherd's crook AND ring buoy having minimum outside diameter of 20 inches and rope
- ☐ Spine board with straps and head immobilizer is available, except for spas and wading pools
- ☐ Complete first aid kit in accordance with 410 IAC 6-2.1-34d
- ☐ A removable buoyed transition line separates the shallow end of the pool at 5 ft or less
- ☐ Is there a telephone within 200 ft of pool enclosure posting emergency numbers?
- ☐ Do I have qualified lifeguard(s) if my pool has a surface area of 2,000 ft² or more?
- ☐ Do I have the proper signage posted? (See back)

Water Quality

- ☐ I have submitted and passed a bacteriological exam performed by a state-approved laboratory one week prior to opening
- ☐ Are chlorine or bromine levels acceptable? (most pools must maintain a chlorine residual of 1-7 ppm)
- ☐ Is the combined chlorine less than or equal to 0.5ppm?
- ☐ Is pH between 7.2 and 7.8?
- ☐ Are cyanuric acid stabilizers (if used) less than 60ppm?
- ☐ The alkalinity of the water is at least 80ppm, but does not exceed 200ppm

Equipment

- ☐ Operating records are logged daily
- ☐ Is my filter pump grounded?